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Department of Health and Human Services to Hold Hearing On Regulations for New Medicaid Program

Lincoln –The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care is holding a hearing on proposed regulations for the new Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).

PACE will provide comprehensive, coordinated health care services within a geographic area for voluntarily enrolled individuals age 55 and older who meet nursing facility level of care criteria, enabling them to remain in a community setting. An application to become a PACE provider has been submitted to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. An operational program is expected to be launched early this year, with the initial service area in metro Omaha.

The hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. CT on Tuesday, January 29, in the Nebraska State Office Building in Lincoln, 301 Centennial Mall South, lower level conference room A.

The new regulations will establish:

- Definitions and eligibility criteria;
- Enrollment and disenrollment provisions;
- Benefits;
- Participant rights; and
- PACE organization requirements.

Anyone may attend and comment at the hearing or submit comments in writing. Written comments will be given the same consideration as oral comments. Written comments must be postmarked or received by 5:00 p.m. CT on the day of the hearing and should be sent to DHHS Legal Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, fax 402-742-2382, or e-mailed to DHHS.RulesandRegs@nebraska.gov

Draft regulations are available online at <http://www.sos.ne.gov/rules-and-regs/regtrack/index.cgi>. Draft copies of the regulations are also available at the office of the Secretary of State, 402-471-2385, or call DHHS Legal Services at (402) 471-8223.

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